

# The Brattleboro Daily Reformer

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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

## SERBIANS CLAIM GREAT VICTORY

Report Wrestling the Town  
of Brod, Near Cerna,  
from Bulgarians

## FRENCH ADVANCING IN VARDAR REGION

Hostile Trenches Penetrated to the  
Depth of a Quarter of a Mile—French  
Are Continuing Their Pressure In  
Operations on Peronne.

Despite unsettled conditions in Greece, which apparently have militated against a determined pushing of the entente operations on the Macedonian front, fresh and successful attacks by French and Serbian troops are reported. Paris announces a Serbian victory in the Cerna river region southeast of Monastir where the town of Brod within the head of the Cerna is declared again to have been wrested from the Bulgarians who recently recaptured it.

A delayed report from Sofia announced that Serbian attacks in the Cerna section had failed of success. Interest attaches to further possible developments in the Vardar region in the center of the Macedonian front, where little but artillery activity has been reported during the vigorous operations on either flank.

Last night announcement from Paris that hostile trenches west of the Vardar had been penetrated to a depth of a quarter of a mile in an attack by French troops indicates the possibility that the

### First Baptist Church

#### Vermont State Sunday School Convention.

Thursday, 3.40 p. m.—Counting the Cost, W. H. Wood, state secretary.

4.00 p. m.—Address, What of the Future? J. L. Alexander.

7.30 p. m.—Stereopticon talk on the Dartmouth summer school for the Sunday School workers, Mrs. N. T. Hendrick, Manchester, N. H.

8.00 p. m.—Dramatic session, Ruth, the Loving, Biblical drama; The Message of Light, a missionary pageant, both to be presented by Brattleboro young people. Admission 25c; children under 15 years 15c. Tickets may be obtained at Root's Pharmacy.

#### Friday's Convention Program.

9 to 10.20—Rural conference in Congregational church. Speakers, Dr. M. S. Littlefield, E. W. Clifford of North Pomfret, Mrs. Wright and Mr. Boyd.

9 to 10.20, City conference in Baptist church. Speakers, L. W. Hawley, Rev. E. M. Fuller, Dr. Littlefield and J. L. Alexander.

10.20—Question box, conducted by Mr. Conant.

11.00—Adjournment to the departmental institutes.

11.15-12.15—The departmental institutes.

## CORYELL TO LECTURE IN WINDHAM COUNTY

Work of Agricultural Extension Schools  
to Be Presented in Windham and  
Wardsboro—Illustrated.

Jay Coryell, assistant state leader, of Burlington, will be in Windham county next week to give two illustrated lectures on the work of the agricultural extension schools. These lectures come as a prelude to arrangements for two or three agricultural extension schools to be held in Windham county this winter.

Mr. Coryell will speak in the town hall in Windham Monday evening, Oct. 23, at 8 o'clock and in the town hall in Wardsboro Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, at 8 o'clock. These lectures will be accompanied by lantern slides showing activities of the extension service and work taken up at extension school. If good interest is shown the extension service of the Vermont agricultural college probably will bring these schools to these communities this winter.

entente offensive in force is to be extended to this important section of the front.

The line of advance here lies along the railway line towards Uskup. In pursuing their closing in operations on Peronne the French on the Somme front are continuing their recently renewed pressure southwest of the town between Blaches and La Maisonnette on the opposite bank of the river. They carried the entire German first line in this section yesterday and not only successfully withstood several counter attacks but extended their gain, the Paris war office reports.

"Rain fell heavily during the night," said today's official British report from the French front. "Raiding parties entered trenches near Loos and south of Arras."

Spirited fighting in Volhynia is reported today by the war office, which says the Russians repulsed several attacks.

### PRICE GOES UP.

Increase of One Cent a Quart in New  
York City.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—An increase of one cent a quart in the retail price of milk was announced today by the Borden Milk company.

tures, in same churches, with same leaders as Thursday morning, except there is no home department institute.

2.00—The service of worship, conducted by Dr. Littlefield, An Easter Service.

2.20—Business session of the convention, reports of committees and election of officers.

2.50—A state-wide vision through the eyes of the county presidents.

3.15—Address, The Conquest of Facts, Miss Margaret Slattery of Boston.

4.05—Adjournment to the departmental institutes.

(As before.) The departmental institutes.

5.00-6.15—Teen Age Rallyes, for the Older boys and girls. Older boys in the Methodist church with Mr. Alexander. Older girls in the Congregational church with Miss Slattery.

6.30-7.45—Teen Age Banquet, with toasts by Hon. Frank Plumley, B. N. Clark, Mrs. A. R. Crewe and Miss G. M. Chapin.

7.30—Organ recital.

8.00—The service of worship, conducted by Dr. Littlefield, A Missionary Service.

8.20—Address, Ten Years From Now, Mr. Alexander.

9.00—Address, Making a Living and a Life, Miss Slattery.

## BANDITS HIDDEN IN DEEP RAVINE

Sheriffs and Ranchmen Are  
Closely on Guard Near  
Bliss, Oklahoma

## OBTAINED \$10,000 FROM EXPRESS TRAIN

Perry Norman, Messenger, Killed  
When He Showed Fight—Six Men  
Made the Attack, Stopping Train at  
Desolate Point.

BLISS, Oklahoma, Oct. 19.—Ranchmen reinforced by deputy sheriffs waited today for some sign at the deep ravine where it is believed the men who late last night robbed the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe express train took refuge.

Perry Norman, express messenger, was killed by the robbers when he showed fight. Rumors said the bandits obtained \$10,000.

Six men participated in the robbery, flagging the train at a desolate spot. After completing their work of robbing the express safes the outlaws fled in automobiles.

## MUST STRENGTHEN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Weakness in the World's Series Trou-  
bles Tener—Wants Player  
Limit Raised.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The National baseball league must be strengthened, is the opinion of John K. Tener, its president. Mr. Tener says he believes the 21-player limit has worked against the league in world's series games and that the limit will be increased next year. "There is no use of the National league making any excuses," said Mr. Tener. "We have pitched poor ball in the last few series. Our players held up, but that was all. Every effort must be made all around to strengthen the league."

### COMMANDER DECORATED.

Honor for German Submarine Officer  
Who Sank 126 Vessels.

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—The order Pour Le Merite has been awarded Lieut. Commander Perriere, commander of the submarine U-35, for sinking 126 vessels totaling 270,000 tons. Among them were one French and one English cruiser. While assigned to the Mediterranean Commander Perriere sank a number of loaded transports and 11 armed merchantmen. He is credited with fighting 17 battles.

### MAKE A BIG ISSUE.

New York Central to Offer \$25,000,000  
in New Stock.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Directors of the New York Central Railway company today authorized an issue of \$25,000,000 new stock to be offered to stockholders at par on the basis of 10 per cent of their present holdings.

## PARTICIPANTS IN MISSION PAGEANT

Names of Those Who Will Take Part  
in Dramatic Feature in Baptist  
Church This Evening.

The following persons will participate in the missionary pageant this evening in the Baptist church:

Interpreters—Mrs. W. S. Bassett, Mrs. W. H. Bond, Miss Miriam Childs, Mrs. Eric Landry, Mrs. T. W. Owens.

Angels of Light—Arlino Allen, Mrs. Walter Bartlett, Grace Burt, Doris Combs, Mrs. C. K. Farnum, Marie Flint, Dorothy Graffam, Belle Greenwood, Charlotte Hildreth, Gertrude Hubbard, Mrs. G. G. Jones, Cora Liscom, Lydia Morrill, Della Newcomb, Marguerite Nixon, Eleanor Richardson, Lella Thompson, Eleanor Taylor, Marjorie Waterman, Leona Wright.

Pilgrims of the Night—Ruth Alexander, Mrs. Lena Bacon, Nena Collier, Grace Cooper, Eva Cooper, Florence Dalrymple, Mildred Eddy, Ruth Houghton, Rachel Iverson, Goldie Johnson, Ethel Millington, Ellen Miner, Susie Miner, Jennie Scranton, Belle Thayer, Emeline Webster, Doris Dyman, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Clara Warren, Mrs. Harry Rhodes, Emily Clapp, Ruth Sargent, Marion Knight, May Douglas, Anah Plumb, Clara Tarbox, Florence Darling, Marion Fraser, Gladys Morrill, Thyra Morrill, Avis Hartley, Louise Baldwin, Nella Clark, Gertrude Bailey, Irma Thomas, Maude Flouty, Mary Baker, Evelyn Hamilton, Flora Farwell, Mabel Whidden.

## ATTEMPTS TO STOP TOWNSHEND TEAMS

Stranger at Dusk Springs from Bushes  
and Tries to Grab Bridles—Wagon  
Stake Hurlled at Him.

(Special to The Reformer.)

TOWNSHEND, Oct. 19.—As Mrs. Robert Greenwood was driving home from this village just at dusk yesterday afternoon a man sprang from the bushes when she was near the George Winslow house, grabbing at the bridle of her horse and making an attempt to stop it.

Mrs. Greenwood hit the man with her whip and soon left the man far behind. She met Perley Albree, who was driving his team toward his home south of this village, and told him of her experience.

Mr. Albree was not armed, but thought he would be prepared for trouble so he removed a stake from his lumber wagon and on arriving at the place found the man was waiting to stop him. Mr. Albree struck with the sled stake also throwing it and drove on as fast as possible. He is sure the man was hit, but not injured.

Mrs. Greenwood noticed that the man was large and had a bran sack lying on the ground nearby. Mr. Albree judged that the man would weigh at least 180 pounds.

It was too dark to get a good description of the man, and no complaint has been entered by anyone.

### NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK.

Sixteen Members of the Crew Landed  
at Christiansand.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The sinking by a German submarine without previous examination of the Norwegian steamship Sten is reported. Sixteen members of the crew were landed at Christiansand. The Swedish bark Greta Vrem was set afire by a submarine. The crew was saved.

### COMING ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Germans to Change Submarine Warfare,  
Cologne Paper Says.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.—Volks Zeitung of Cologne says: "German submarines will operate in the future in the western Atlantic. They will visit the well-known shipping routes around the eastern point of Nantucket island and will sink British merchantmen, after giving the crews opportunity to save themselves."

### LIEUT. THAW ALIVE.

Aviator Reported Dead Appears to At-  
tend Funeral of a Friend.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—At the home of Lieut. William Thaw of the Franco-American aviation corps it was said today that the lieutenant previously reported killed in action was alive and well. He arrived during the night from the front to attend the funeral tomorrow of Sergt. Norman Prince.

### DEATH IN PITTSFIELD.

Robert Noyes, 38 Years Old, a Victim  
of Infantile Paralysis.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Oct. 19.—Robert E. Noyes, 38 years old, died during the night of infantile paralysis.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7.30—Regular meeting of Oasis Encampment. Royal Purple degree to be conferred. Buffet luncheon will be served after the meeting, to which all Patriarchs are cordially invited.

**Vernon Grange Fair**  
**Friday, October 20**  
Harvest Supper, 5.30 to 9 o'clock

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS CONVE- NE

State Meeting Opens in First  
Baptist Church With  
Many Present

## SESSION OF STATE BIBLE SOCIETY

John L. Alexander of Chicago, Presi-  
dent Benton of University of Ver-  
mont, Rev. A. H. Bradford of Rutland  
and Others Speak.

The 48th annual convention of the Vermont Sunday School association opened yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Baptist church and will continue tonight and Friday with sessions morning, afternoon and evening.

Before the afternoon session was more than half concluded the auditorium of the church was almost filled, and as many of the delegates were to arrive on the late afternoon trains the large attendance at the opening session presaged an unusually large convention.

Rev. William Shaw of Montpelier, president of the association, presided at the opening session. Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, D. D., of New York concluded the opening service of worship. L. W. Hawley, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school for over 30 years, was introduced and in turn introduced Rev. George E. Tomkinson, pastor of the church, who gave a brief address of welcome.

He said that he was glad to welcome the delegates to a town famous for many things, among them a factory in which the finest of church organs are built. He said that Brattleboro is an up-to-date town and spoke of the evidences of new construction to be seen on several sites in the business section.

He welcomed the association and the delegates to the church and predicted much inspiration for them in the meetings and cordial welcome and good care in all homes where they may be assigned during their stay in town.

President Shaw in his brief report of the work of the year extended his thanks to the workers for their united and untiring efforts, especially the field workers. He congratulated the association upon its increased membership, saying that they are closing the best year in the history of the association. There has not been a time when the organization of the work is in such good condition as at present.

He said that the business of the Sunday school, some teachers are beginning to realize, is to instruct and not entertain the pupils. The association must strive for better teaching and so organize the work as to extend the influence of the Sunday school beyond its present membership.

The address of the afternoon was by John L. Alexander of Chicago, second division superintendent of the International Sunday School association, who spoke upon The Why of Evangelism in the Sunday School.

The three essentials of the Sunday school, he said, are the Bible, the child and the teacher. The most important of these is the teacher. You cannot take anything into a boy or a girl. He cited an instance of a large stock dealer who mentioned his two boys to the speaker and then said that they had gone to the bad because one could not raise boys in such a community. At the next ranch was a woman who referred to her two boys and said they were in a seminary studying to enter the ministry. He said that fathers and mothers are such only in so far as they understand the inner life of their children.

The church is suffering, he charged, with adultism. It fails to devote time intelligently to the rising generation. The Christian religion, he said, is caught by contagion. No one ever gets it by being talked to death. Hence the teacher who can transmit it to the child is the most important essential of the Sunday school. It isn't what you try to remember that helps, he said, but what you cannot forget. Religious education is the giving of impulses for Christian living.

Speaking of the young man who is able to handle and interest boys and is given charge of the large class but who leaves the town and the class of boys in the lurch because there is no other star of his magnitude to take his place, he declared that God did not intend his work to be done by stars or he wouldn't have made them twinkle at night. It is the business of all connected with the church and Sunday school to work.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Bible society was held at 5 o'clock with brief, but interesting, reports by the field secretary, Mrs. Edith Balch Wright, and the treasurer, Dr. O. G. Stickney.

Mrs. Wright's report showed that a total of 1,462 Bibles had been sold and that there had been donated to the society and distributed 193 Bibles.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. A. Davidson, D. D., of Burlington; vice presidents, H. W. Varnum of Jeffersonville and Rev. H. B. Rankin of Newport; recording secretary, Rev. James D. Sargent of Northfield; treasurer, Dr. O. G. Stickney of Barre; auditor, H. G. Woodbury of

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## KINCHIN STORIES TOLD BY AUTHOR

Entertaining Program Presented at  
Woman's Club Meeting—Pleasing  
Songs by Miss Hutchins.

The Woman's club met yesterday in the banquet hall of Odd Fellows' temple with a good attendance. It was voted to meet in that place hereafter, at the discretion of the program committee. The program for the afternoon consisted of reading from the Kinchin Stories by the author, Mr. Marion Franklin Ham of Reading, Mass., and southern melodies sung by Miss Mary Hutchins. Mr. Ham read three stories, The Educational Value of Huckleberry Tarts, His Grudge Against Freedom, and Marse Andy's Christmas Party. The stories are unusual and present Uncle Kinchin as one of the quaintest and most delightful characters ever presented to the public. Mr. Ham has acquired the negro dialect to an extent that is surprising and reproduces the speech and mannerisms of the old-time Negro without apparent effort.

Miss Hutchins delighted all with her songs, giving just the right atmosphere for the stories. She was sympathetically accompanied by Miss Catherine Woodruff of Orange, Conn.

## CAR DITCHED AND WOMAN BRUISED

Chief Wilson and State's Attorney  
Hughes Unable to Locate Auto with  
Vermont Registry Number.

Mrs. Alice Hewes of Fairview, Mass., telephoned to Police Chief George Wilson yesterday afternoon that a Maxwell car in which she, her husband and two sons, aged 11 and 12, were riding had been struck by a northbound touring car with a Vermont registry number about a mile south of the state rock district and had been ditched. Mrs. Hewes said that she had been somewhat injured about the head and the others of her family bruised. The car was considerably damaged.

Chief Wilson and State's Attorney O. B. Hughes spent several hours trying to locate the car which Mrs. Hewes claimed had caused the accident, but without success at the time.

## CONCEDE THAT THE BREMEN WAS LOST

Facts of the German Undersea Merchant  
Vessel, However, Are Unknown  
to Germans.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Loss of the German submarine Bremen virtually was conceded today by ranking Teutonic diplomats familiar with the movements of the vessel. The Bremen is now several weeks overdue. It was admitted that German officials were without information as to the fate of the Bremen. All they know is that she set out from America from Bremerhaven and that she should have arrived at an American port soon after the middle of last month. It is regarded as doubtful whether accurate information concerning the fate of the vessel will be available until after the close of the war. The disappearance of the Bremen will not cause abandonment of the project to send merchant marine regularly from Germany to the United States.

## NO COMPROMISE IN WAR EXPECTED

Officers of the Opinion That Side with  
Ability to Stick the Longest  
Will Win.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Oct. 19.—The war will last another year, according to the consensus of opinion among the British soldiers; it is also the opinion of the Germans, if the views of prisoners count. All believe the war has entered a stage where no compromise is to be expected and where victory will go to the side with ability to stick the longest.

### THE WEATHER.

Rain Tonight and Probably Friday—  
Warmer in Interior.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—The weather forecast: Rain tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight in the interior. Strong southeast to south winds, probably gales.

### JACKSONVILLE.

Death of Mrs. Elwin H. Stetson.

This community was greatly saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Jennie M. Stetson, 72, wife of Elwin H. Stetson, Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 5 o'clock p. m., caused by heart failure and dropsy. She was a daughter of Josiah and Martha (Bassett) French and was born Aug. 21, 1844, in Jacksonville. She was married, July 4, 1866, to Elwin H. Stetson of Wilmington at Jacksonville by Rev. John S. Little. She attended the high schools and Powers Institute, Bernardston, Mass., and her avocation was school teaching, two years at Halifax and Jacksonville. She was a fine musician, singing many years in the churches, and at over 100 funerals. She was a great lover of flowers. She belonged to several orders of the place and was highly beloved and respected by the whole community.

## NO CAUCUSES YET SAYS R. S. CHILDS

Declines to Certify to Un-  
truth for Record in  
Clerk's Office

## CHARGES FACTION WITH TREACHERY

Says He Has Never Indicated Objec-  
tion to Name of Mr. Riley—For Years  
Two or Three Have Nominated Jus-  
tices, He Says.

Editor of The Reformer:  
It is still the province of a newspaper to give the news and the truth about it. Your "teapot tempest" headline conveys an erroneous impression to the voters of the town of Brattleboro.

(1) No Democratic caucus was held on September 29.

(2) No second Democratic caucus has been called because objection was made to the action of the first.

(3) No Democratic caucus was held before or since September 29 for the nomination of a justice ticket. This applies to the Democratic as well as the Republican party of Brattleboro.

(4) The reason that a caucus is called for tonight is because of an attempt to make me, as chairman of the Democratic town committee, swear, on oath, that a Democratic caucus was held on September 29, the sworn certificate to be placed on record in the town clerk's office.

(5) Because I declined to make oath to an untrue a Democratic caucus is called for this evening.

(6) I have never indicated to Mr. Harold E. Whitney, or any other person, my objection to the name of Mr. Riley on the justice ticket; but I did indicate to Mr. Whitney that I would not take action that would incriminate myself, hence four of the five Democratic town committee acquiesce in this call.

For several years past two or three individuals have nominated the town justice ticket, making the selection of such justices conform to their own wishes. The law officer furnished the inspiration and the undertaker's establishment acquiesced in the unjust and unparliamentary arrangement, regardless of the wishes of two thousand freemen who had no voice in their lawful right of choice.

Something of the measure of fairness which actuates local politicians is shown by partisan acts of irregularity and unfairness. In the presidential election of 1912 the town's vote was cast 628 for Taft, 435 for Wilson, 596 for Roosevelt. With this division of sentiment, it was suggested two years ago (1914) that an equal representation upon the justice ticket be held on the same evening (October 19), the Progressives meeting in Festival hall, the Democrats in Grand Army hall, and the Republicans in the Armory. Each caucus selected its conference committee to seek agreement upon a union justice ticket. The Progressives union justice ticket. The Democrats were represented by Dr. Thomas Rice, J. G. Stafford and H. W. Simonds; the Democrats by Hugh H. Dunklee, A. F. Roberts, R. S. Childs, E. H. Davenport and M. J. Moran. The Republican conference was F. E. Barber, F. A. Betterly and R. C. Bacon. While the Democratic conference cheerfully acquiesced in the union program allowing the Progressives an equal number (5) of the justices, the Republican conference would concede only two, but, subsequently, after professing acquiescence in a union ticket, recanted and ignored the Progressives. The Democrats and Progressives certified the union ticket giving each party five of the nominees. The two organizations were sufficiently strong to elect the union ticket on the basis of the presidential vote (1,901 to 628) and would have done so but for the treachery of a faction of alleged Democrats who have been responsive to the call of the Republican machine to assist its schemes to full fruition.

In late September of this year these schemers put forth a justice ticket of the stand pat Republican order, not a man who was identified with the Progressive cause of 1912 appearing thereon. He may vote the regular party ticket this year, but there is no room for him in the Republican official jockey.

While I have no special objection to the Republican program I decline to certify to an untrue for record in the town clerk's office, as no Democratic caucus was held on the 29th of September or any previous or subsequent day for the nomination of a justice ticket. A Democratic caucus will be held for regularity's sake and in the interest of honesty and not in approval of the snap action so common in local ring politics.

ROLLIN S. CHILDS.

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### DEPORTING BELGIANS.

2,000 Civilians in Ghent Alone Sent  
Out of Country by Germans.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.—The Telegraf says it has received information that Germans, in addition to deporting 2,000 civilians from Ghent, are taking similar action in other parts of Belgium.

The ostrich always approaches its nest by a devious path, the idea being to conceal the location from observation.

## Can You Afford to Be With- out Electric Lights?

The Cost of Operating Them Is As Follows:

10-watt lamp— 8 candle power,	1/10c per hour
15-watt lamp—12 candle power,	1/6c per hour
25-watt lamp—20 candle power,	1/4c per hour
50-watt lamp—40 candle power,	1/2c per hour

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